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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:                                       | )                         |
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|   | : Examiner: Unknown       |
| SATORU WAKAO, et al.  | )                         |
|   | : Group Art Unit: Unknown |
| Appln. No.: 09/521,424                                      | )                         |
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| Filed: March 8, 2000  | )                         |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD | ) May 31, 2000            |
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Line 17, change "an" (second occurrence) to --a--;

Line 21, chapge "S12" to --S 12, 22-- (both

occurrences); and

Line 25, change "h13" to --h 13--; and change "P11" to --P 11--.